

TWO ARRESTS FOR DRAFT BRIBERY



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ALLIES WIN ON MANY FRONTS

Russians, British and French All Make Gains

U. S. ORDERS PROSECUTION OF OUSTED DRAFT CHIEFS; FOUR WARRANTS ISSUED

Dr. Groehl, a Member of No. 99, Is Exonerated—Government Would Make Example of Officials If Bribery Be Shown.

Four Federal warrants calling for the arrest of persons implicated in selective draft bribery charges in the jurisdiction of Local Board 99, at Livingston and Lewis Streets, were issued this afternoon at the request of United States Attorney Caffey.

The members of the board who were removed last night by the Governor on orders from President Wilson are Louis Cherey, a druggist, at No. 464 Grand Street; Dr. S. J. Bernfield, of No. 273 Livingston Street, and Dr. William Groehl, of No. 275 Livingston Street.

Deputy United States Attorney Knox said this afternoon that the Federal inquiry had exonerated Dr. Groehl, but that the investigation had gone into every local board on the lower east side.

Cherey and Dr. Bernfield were arrested at 3:25 o'clock this afternoon in the Criminal Courts Building. They were taken from there to the Federal Building for arraignment.

OFFERED MONEY BY TWO DOZEN PERSONS.

Two investigations into alleged irregularities in Board 99 were conducted to-day, one by the Federal authorities of this district, the other by District Attorney Swann. Dr. Bernfield and Cherey went to the District Attorney's office and made statements. Bernfield denied accepting bribes, but said he had been offered money by two dozen or more persons. When asked why these bribe offers were not reported, he said they were made by hysterical persons.

While Cherey and Bernfield were in the District Attorney's office, Federal detectives were waiting outside with warrants. The men were arrested as they started from the building. In the meantime, Dr. Groehl had been at the Federal Building, giving information to the United States Attorney.

Jacob Skwirsky, No. 548 Grand Street, made a statement this afternoon to Assistant District Attorney Markewich and Detective Wittenberg in which he said:

"I was examined by the Board and was passed. I claimed exemption because I am the sole support of my parents. But I was approached by a member of the Board (Skwirsky named the member) and was told that an exemption would cost me \$300. I pawned a ring for \$50, borrowed \$50 from my relatives and borrowed \$100 from my employer. That made \$200, which I paid to the Board member who had asked for it. I promised to get him the other \$100."

The men under arrest and others to be arrested will be prosecuted under a Federal statute. It is probable they will be indicted Monday and the trial will be hurried. This action was decided on at a conference held in the Federal Building which lasted three hours.

Present at the conference were United States Attorney Caffey and his deputy, Mr. Knox; William M. O'Leary, Chief of the Department of Justice Secret Service; United States Marshal Thomas C. McCarthy and

U BOATS COLLECT FOODSTUFFS FROM SHIPS THEY SINK

Survivor of the Carmela, Destroyed With Bombs, Says Germans Took Coffee Cargo.

Among the passengers on a liner reaching an American port to-day was Homer Longford, who had charge of the motor on the British motor schooner Carmela, which was sunk by bombs put aboard by the crew of a German submarine off the Irish coast on July 22. Longford's story indicates, when taken in connection with similar tales brought here by survivors or cabled from London, that Germany is now using her submarines not only as agents of destruction to enemy shipping, but as collectors of foodstuffs from the ships they sink.

The Carmela, bound from South America to a British port, with a cargo of coffee, was stopped by a submarine and the crew ordered to leave the ship and proceed to the submarine.

There were only six men in the crew and they were soon on the deck of the submarine. Then the German crew, working with feverish haste and using a motor launch and the boats of the Carmela as well as their own, went aboard the schooner, stripped her of all brass and copper work, removed 1,200 sacks of coffee and took it aboard the submarine. Then the Carmela's crew were ordered into their motor launch, and time bombs, which had been placed in the hold of the Carmela, blew her apart. The survivors reached Ireland that night.

M. P. Grace of New York, who was a passenger on the liner, says the prices of foods in London markets and restaurants are lower than for the same articles in New York.

BOOST MORE THAN 10 CENTS IN COAL IS "PROFITTEERING"

Federal Trade Commission Reaches This Decision After a Long Hearing.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11.—Predicting a cut in retail hard coal prices and condemning a Sept. 1 boost of more than 10 cents unless miners' wages are increased, the Federal Trade Commission to-day declared that dealers who raise their prices will be guilty of profiteering.

The statement followed conclusion of a long hearing before the Commission.

HENDERSON QUILTS BRITISH CABINET UNDER HOT FIRE

Resignation Follows Censure From Lloyd George—Kerensky Opposes Conference.

LONDON, Aug. 11.—It is officially announced that Arthur Henderson, labor member of the British War Council, has resigned his membership in the Cabinet.

Henderson's resignation was immediately accepted by Premier Lloyd George.

The resignation, it is reported, followed a strong letter of censure from the Premier, who criticized the labor leader's action at the labor conference, which voted to have British labor participate in the International Socialist Conference at Stockholm. It practically charged Henderson with betraying the war cabinet's confidence.

Lloyd George declared he knew, from a telegram from Kerensky, that the Russian Government was not in favor of the Stockholm conference.

Henderson delivered an address at yesterday's labor conference which voted for British representation at the Stockholm conference, favoring the resolution that was adopted. This was that the conference should be regarded as consultative, and not binding.

The action of the press which opposes the Stockholm conference comments indignantly on the conference which decided to send representatives and ascribes the result almost entirely to Mr. Henderson's personal influence. It declares the vote did not represent the labor opinion of the country, calls for a referendum to prove this, insists on the importance of the non-participation of America and other belligerents and declares emphatically that the Russian Government itself, apart from the Workmen's and Soldiers' delegates, has disassociated itself from the Stockholm scheme.

A definite announcement of the governmental intentions regarding British representation at Stockholm probably will be made on Monday, Premier Lloyd George recently intimated that the subject would engage the attention of the Ministry in consultation with representatives of the Allied countries. The Premier will be asked whether the policy to be pursued can be indicated publicly.

Havelock Wilson, President of the National Seamen's Union, issued a statement to-day saying he was dissatisfied with the conference and that he was going to organize a counter-move.

"The Seafarers' and Firemen's Union," declares the head of the seamen's organization, "are fully determined to stick to their guns and refuse to carry the peace delegates abroad."

NO PASSPORTS FROM U. S. TO STOCKHOLM DELEGATES

State Department Again Shows Its Opposition to the Conference of Socialists.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11.—Secretary of State Lansing to-day announced that no passports will be issued for Americans desiring to attend the Stockholm Socialist conference.

The State Department looks with disfavor upon the conference and the possibility of its spreading premature peace sentiment in the countries participating.

Germans Prohibited by Law From Paying Debts in United States.

BERLIN, Aug. 11.—The Bundesrat, or Federal Council, has passed a measure prohibiting Germans from making payments to citizens or residents of the United States.

Miss Disston the Newport Bride Of John Wanamaker Jr. To-Day



MISS PAULINE DISTON, BRIDE OF JOHN WANAMAKER JR.

Society of New York, Newport and Philadelphia Witness Ceremony.

NEWPORT, R. I., Aug. 11.—Probably the most important wedding to be celebrated in Newport this year took place this afternoon in Emmanuel Church, when Miss Pauline Disston became the bride of John Wanamaker Jr. Mr. Wanamaker is the son of Mr. Rodman Wanamaker and Miss Disston is the daughter of Mrs. William Disston, who has taken the Morrill cottage, Shepherd Avenue, Newport, for the summer.

Miss Disston had Mrs. William B. Brooks Jr. of Baltimore for her matron of honor. Her other attendants were Mrs. Reginald C. Vanderbilt, Mrs. Frederick T. Frelinghuysen, Mrs. Angier B. Duke, Mrs. Arturo de Hocren, sister of the bridegroom; Miss Lisa Norris of Philadelphia, Miss Elizabeth S. Sands of Newport, Miss Mary Brown Warburton of Philadelphia, and Miss Frances Moore of Washington.

Gurnee Munn of Washington was Mr. Wanamaker's best man.

The ceremony was followed by a reception at the Morrill cottage.

\$50,000 DAMAGE DONE TO BIG EXPLOSIVE PLANT

Two Employees Are Under Arrest at the Aetna Works Near Gary, Ind.

GARY, Ind., Aug. 11.—Fire, believed to have been of incendiary origin, destroyed about half the million-dollar plant of the Aetna Explosive Company near here, early to-day.

Two employees named Holt and Cholaer were arrested.

The plant was working on Government contracts, it is said. It had a capacity of 45,000 pounds of powder a day.

It was estimated that it will take sixty days to put the plant in working order again.

The antecedents of Holt and Cholaer are being closely investigated.

Oldest Odd Fellow Is Dead, Aged 101 Years.

AUBURN, N. Y., Aug. 11.—William Lamey, the oldest Odd Fellow in America, having been a member of the order for seventy-three years, died to-day at his home, aged 101 years. On May 1 his centennial was celebrated by the Odd Fellows of the State, who sent high officers and many telegrams, and Auburn citizens paraded in his honor.

DRAFTED ACTOR TRIES TO END LIFE ON RIVERSIDE BUS

Swallows Poison in View of Women Passengers, Crying "Well, It's All Over."

Accepted for the new National Army yesterday morning, certified as a soldier of the United States last night, Ernest D. Meek, twenty-seven years old and single, an actor, living at No. 324 West Fifty-eighth Street, this morning attempted suicide while riding on the top of a Fifth Avenue bus at West One Hundred and Fifteenth Street and Riverside Drive in full view of half a dozen women passengers.

At 9:30 o'clock this morning a downtown bus in charge of Driver Thomas Riley and Conductor Frank Tracy stopped at West One Hundred and Fifteenth Street to take on passengers. As it was about to start on, occupants were startled by the frightened cries of women on top. A well-dressed young man seated near the front had suddenly pressed a phial to his lips and lurched forward over the seat ahead gasping:

"Well, it's all over."

The bus was stopped and Patrolman George Tobin, the driver and conductor lifted the unconscious man down to the street and laid him on the grass while an ambulance was summoned from Knickerbocker Hospital. As he lay there, the doorman from the Hamilton Arms apartment, in front of which the bus had stopped, recognized him as a man who had fainted in front of the building late last night.

On the way to the hospital the man regained consciousness. He told Patrolman Tobin he had been drafted into the army and for that reason he could not marry "Miss Connell" and had sought to end his life.

At the hospital it was found that the bottle from which Meek had taken the draught intended to kill him had contained nothing stronger than "Burrow's Solution," a solution of aluminum acetate used for treating wounds. It had been bought at a drug store near West One Hundred and Thirty-fifth Street and Broadway, where Meek had boarded the bus. The druggist told the police that an excited young man had sought to buy a deadly poison which is used as an antiseptic, saying he wanted it to use on a wound. The harmless liquid was sold him instead.

Meek appeared before Board 153, East Sixty-ninth Street and Lexington Avenue, yesterday and was accepted, filing no exemption claim.

Chairman Thomas N. Cohen said Meek had been certified as a soldier of the national army last night. Meek will recover and hospital authorities said he will be turned over to the police of the West One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Street Station. Police records show that Ernest D. Meek fainted in front of the Hamilton Arms last night and was revived without medical attention.

"KAISER PAGE" IS DOOMED.

Superintendent of Schools in Chicago to Remove It From Spellers.

CHICAGO, Aug. 11.—The "Kaiser page" of the school spellers is to come out, after all. John D. Schuch, Superintendent of Schools, said to-day that he would take responsibility for removal of the page when the new school term begins next month.

At a recent meeting the School Board declined to authorize removal of the page from spellers now in the hands of pupils.

Hogs Break All Records in Kansas City.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Aug. 11.—Hogs sold for \$17.10 a hundred pounds on the local market here to-day, the record for local markets. Commission men predict still higher levels.

SIX GERMAN DRIVES HALTED BY HAIG'S ARMY IN FLANDERS; FRENCH WIN AT FIVE POINTS

Russians Score Successes at Three Places, the Most Notable One Being the Breaking Up of Teutonic Offensive in Galicia.

LONDON, Aug. 11.—From the battle fronts in Flanders, France and Galicia came reports to-day of important successes for the Entente Allies. Despatches from Petrograd announced battles between Russian and Teutonic forces on three widely separated fields.

The Russians are succeeding everywhere, except in Southern Moldavia, where Field Marshal von Mackensen is pushing an attack. Even here, the Russian report to-day announces that the Russo-Romanians, although forced back across the Suchitza west of the Fokshani-Ocna Railway, held their ground to the east of that line, where the menace to the connecting road is greatest.

MISS BURDEN FINED \$2,500 ON CHARGE OF SMUGGLING

Indictment Grew Out of Charge Against Mrs. Whitney Warren and Related to Opera Cloak.

Miss Evelyn Byrd Burden, daughter of L. Townsend Burden, was fined \$2,500 by Judge Manton in the United States District Court to-day on her plea of guilty to a technical charge of smuggling. The fine was paid.

Miss Burden's indictment grew out of the charges against Mrs. Whitney Warren, wife of the famous architect and prominent organizer of war relief work. Mrs. Warren, arriving in this country Nov. 16, 1915, brought a quantity of dresses and millinery which she declared to be of the value of \$1,600. A revaluation by the Government appraised the lot as worth more than \$11,000, and Mrs. Warren was indicted and a civil suit was brought against her by the Government.

With Miss Burden, her sister, Mrs. Wendolyn Down, Mrs. Warren began an action to recover the garments from the Government. Miss Burden claimed as hers a black silk embroidered opera cloak and was recorded as saying it had been made in this country and was not subject to duty, but had merely been lent to Mrs. Warren.

The Government presented proof of its foreign manufacture and Miss Burden was indicted last June. She had been under \$1,600 bail since.

"I have no wish to add to your disgrace further than this," said Judge Manton in imposing sentence; "if you had not pleaded guilty, but had insisted on a trial, I should have been obliged to add a prison term to this sentence."

TAFT QUILTS SPEAKING TOUR.

Will Go to His Country Home in Quebec in a Few Days.

CLAY CENTER, Kan., Aug. 11.—Former President Taft has determined to give up his speaking engagements for the remainder of this month, and will go to his summer home at Point Au Pic, Quebec, Can. Dr. B. F. Morgan, his physician, said to-day, he may leave here within five or six days.

"Mr. Taft was taken ill early Tuesday with acute intestinal indigestion and obstruction of the smaller intestines," Dr. Morgan said in a statement to-day. "Since that time we have sought to remove the obstruction and have been successful but it is not certain that it is fully cleared away. Our efforts were to avoid an operation. Mr. Taft is better to-day."

The most signal Russian success was scored in the vicinity of Brody, where the Teutonic commands launched an attack on Thursday in an apparent effort to break the Russian line in northern Galicia and clear the Russians from the small remainder of Galician soil they held. Petrograd announces that this heavy assault, after a prolonged battle, failed completely with heavy losses to the Austro-German forces.

Other successes were won by the Russians in the Russo-Romanian frontier, where the town of Lukovica was entered by the Russians and a height was captured, together with some four hundred prisoners. The Teutonic forces also were forced across the Putna River on the Northern Roumanian front.

Six German assaults were made on the British positions to the east of Ypres during the night, according to the British official statement. They all broke down after fierce fighting. Field Marshal Haig reported that the British maintained their positions to the east of Ypres and gained ground near the Ypres-Menin road.

Paris announced that north of St. Quentin French troops made important progress in the region of Fayet. The French ejected the Germans from a large part of the terrain which they had captured on the night of Aug. 9-10.

In the Champagne the Germans launched several attacks over a front of nearly two miles in the region of Carnillet and at one point succeeded in penetrating the French advanced trenches. In an energetic counter-attack the Frenchmen regained the lost ground with the exception of about fifty yards, which the Germans still occupy.

On the Alsace front the French carried out a brilliant attack south of Alst and recaptured an important trench which had been stormed by the Germans. Repulsing several counter-attacks the French maintained their new positions.

French War Office Reports Successes at Five Points.

PARIS, Aug. 11.—Following is the text of to-day's report from the War Office:

"North of St. Quentin we realized appreciable progress in the region of Fayet and ejected the enemy from the largest part of the trench elements in which he had gained a foothold on the night of Aug. 9-10. We took fifteen prisoners.

"South of Alst a brilliant attack carried out by us rendered up-mas-

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